

M-13-33-3  
Harry Jackson House (Site)  
Blocktown Community  
Private

c. 1900

This two story frame dwelling with two rooms down and two up was built as the home of the second generation of landowners in this black community, which began in the 1880's.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Harry Jackson House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT

—BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

No

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

R.R. Wagner

Telephone #: Not listed

STREET & NUMBER

Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4712

Folio #: 633

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M:13-33-3

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☒ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Dorothy Luckett Curtis, this house of her uncle Harry Jackson was a two story frame dwelling with a cross gable pediment. In plan, the house had two rooms down and two up. The facade consisted of two bays. The front door opened into the parlor and a window with two over two panes illuminated the other room, the kitchen. On the gable end of the kitchen was a brick stove flue. On the opposite gable end, a door led to the outside from the parlor.

Along the partition dividing the two rooms was a boxed stairway in the parlor. Underneath the stairs was a closet, as was typical in these houses. There was no back door. The only opening in the back length was a window in the kitchen.

On the gable end of the parlor was built a foundation on which a platform of boards had been built. The Jacksons had intended to add another room there.

Mrs. Curtis says that her uncle's house resembled the home of his brother Tom Jackson.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	__ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__ RELIGION	
__ 1400-1499	__ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__ CONSERVATION	__ LAW	__ SCIENCE	
__ 1500-1599	__ AGRICULTURE	__ ECONOMICS	__ LITERATURE	__ SCULPTURE	
__ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	__ EDUCATION	__ MILITARY	__ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__ 1700-1799	__ ART	__ ENGINEERING	__ MUSIC	__ THEATER	
__ 1800-1899	__ COMMERCE	__ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__ PHILOSOPHY	__ TRANSPORTATION	
__ 1900	__ COMMUNICATIONS	__ INDUSTRY	__ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__ INVENTION		Black History	
				Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES

C. / 1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though the house is no longer standing, Mrs. Curtis's recollection of it provides another example of the type of house that was common among Black landowners near the turn of the twentieth century.

The title search for this property dead-ended with the deed 1844/263, in which Alfred Spates, attorney for Daniel T. Jackson, conveyed the land to Robert M. Myers in 1953 for \$1,050 as a mortgage foreclosure. This foreclosure was cited in equity case #16693, but there was no mention in either the deed or the case of previous owners or deeds.

Research of the grantee and grantor index did not locate a Harry Jackson purchasing land on this location. It is therefore not known when this tract was purchased by Harry Jackson, or if it was indeed owned by him. According to Dorothy Curtis, Jackson's niece, this land did belong to him. Since she was born in 1920 and remembers his house as an "old house" when "I was about ten years old", the dwelling may have been built in 1900, or earlier.

Harry Jackson was not located in the 1900 U.S. Census for Montgomery County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Dorothy Curtis, by George McDaniel, not taped. Boyds, Maryland, March and April, 1979.  
 Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

4/79

TELEPHONE

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STATE

Maryland 20753

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